

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 13, 2011

Next meeting WEDNESDAY, August,10 AT 8:00 AM.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Tony Krager called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Directors: Dave Schluckebier, Ken Suslee, Carl Bergman, Dave Pastrovich and Tony Krager

Associate Directors: Brad Young

Staff: CJ Liddell, Dave Hobson, Melissa Cauble and Kris Reynolds

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons, Dennis Hand, Dan Huber, and Dan Eickhoff

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. No changes or additions were noted.

Financial Statements and Approval of Bills: The board reviewed the financial statements. A copy of those statements is on file with these minutes in the SWCD office. No changes or corrections were noted.

Melissa then presented the bills for payment.

Dave Schluckebier made a motion to approve the minutes, the financial statements and payment of the bills presented.

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Staff Reports: All employees presented written reports which are filed as part of these minutes.

Ken Suslee made a motion to accept the reports as presented.

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: The board took a few minutes to review the Caretaker's Lease Agreement presented by the NAG's for board approval. The agreement is between the SWCD, the County Board and the Natural Area Guardians. They also reviewed the specifics of the District's liability insurance policy to be sure of the coverage. The board asked Melissa to forward the lease agreement on to the insurance company for their review. They also asked Kris to inform the NAGs that they were in agreement as to the specifics of the lease, but they were opposed to any hunting being allowed along the trail. Kris was to speak with them about the opinions of the board.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris reported the following items:

1. Kris reviewed the FY 2010 Completed ledger showing that all monies had been spent in the time allotted and using just \$3.69 of interest money to complete the final project
2. There is still FY 2010 Bond money left to spend but plenty of time to get it done
3. Reviewed a report of remaining funds to be spent
4. Kris reported he has taken several new applications for FY 2012 CPP and there were still several unfunded projects left on the list. We are just waiting to hear if there will be money available to allocate
5. Kris stated he had requested extra money for FY 11 but had not received any word on whether there will be any
6. Request for FY 2012 CPP dollars stood at \$120,000

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ reported that an EQIP batching period deadline had just passed. He also stated that the program remained a continuous signup with periodic batching periods announced for turning in applications. He stated this was also true for CSP.

Under CRP, CJ reported that approvals for the general signup had been received and that Montgomery County had seven out of forty six applications approved, or approximately 15%.

CREP: Under CREP CJ reported he had received several applications for Federal CREP and that it appeared the Getz contract would go to a permanent easement on the state side. Melissa had begun working on the state enrollment and was awaiting a contract number from FSA.

Budget and Insurance Issues: Melissa reported the district was still awaiting the final payment of \$8,558 for FY 2011 and that vouchers had been sent to the Comptroller's office for that deposit. She also reported that employee's health insurance remained the same after the state's controversy with Health Alliance and several other carriers. The insurance was still being paid with PFC funds.

Contribution Agreement: Kris asked Chairman Krager for his signature on the reimbursement form to be submitted for a payment of \$5,250.00. Kris informed the board this left a balance of \$1,344 of work left to be done and submitted by September 30. Kris also submitted an amendment to the current agreement for board approval. This amendment would add \$21,982 to the existing agreement, with that work needing to be completed by December 31, 2011. Chairman Krager signed that agreement and it was submitted to NRCS.

Summer Conference: Melissa took a few minutes to review agenda items with the board. They also reviewed the proposed resolutions to be voted on, and Melissa took a count of those needing tickets to the Farm Family Banquet.

Conservation Tour: The board and staff took a few minutes to tie up loose ends as far as the tour goes. It was decided the board meeting would happen at 8:00 a.m. with the tour beginning at 10:00 and dinner by CJ at noon back at the office. They also settled on a menu with CJ.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Evaluations: The board asked the employees to fill out their evaluation sheets and they would be reviewed at the August board meeting. They asked Melissa to have last year's contracts for review and new contracts available for completion.

Budget: Tabled till September meeting. Melissa will have reports prepared.

Audit: The board agreed to once again have Adam Mathias, CPA do our audit. Chairman Krager signed the letter of intent and Secretary Schluckebier signed the required bank forms for the audit.

Sale of Prudential Stock: Upon request of the employees who contribute to Prudential for their 457 retirement accounts, Dave Schluckebier made a motion to sell the District's 32 shares of Prudential Stock and give the proceeds to the employees at the time the check is received.

2nd by: Carl Bergman

Carried: Yes

Employee Time Sheets: Carl Bergman made a motion to approve the time sheets as presented.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, August 10, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: At 5:56 p.m. Ken Suslee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Carl Bergman

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date